


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The amendments introduce no new matter and find support throughout the specification and the claims as filed. Claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies, reduce claim fees, and to place claims in a format consistent with U.S. practice. No claim amendment has been made for reasons of patentability. Applicants reserve their right to pursue unclaimed subject matter in related applications.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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